

they prefer warm, moist areas with no chemicals. We have a health nurse that comes to school regularly if anyone wants to discuss this with her. She is visiting on next Thursday at 8.30am and she can also help in providing treatment.

Board of Trustees News

A special Board meeting will be held on Tuesday 23 February at 5.00pm to review the charter, sign off the budget and update on the new building. The regular Board meeting will be held in March.

Children's News



Our Year 7's and 8's always enjoy Technology. At the moment Year 7's are working with Mrs Melville learning sewing skills.

Year 8 students are working with Miss Brunton consolidating their skills in the hard materials department.

Community News

Otorohanga Junior Softball – Every Thursday afternoons from 3.30pm to 4.30pm at Island Reserve. This is for 10 to 13 year olds and is FREE. For further details contact Bronwyn on 07 873 6242 or 027 438 1114.

Te Kuiti Amateur Athletics Club days continue through term one. Venue – Te Kuiti High School grounds, When - Wednesdays, Time – 5.30pm. Contact – Inneke - 021 029 22489 or Dede at Sport Waikato – 0274 853 692.

What's Coming Up At Waitomo Caves School

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| 22 February | Otorohanga Pool training sessions |
| 23 February | Special Board Meeting |
| 24 February | Small Schools Swimming Sports |
| 29 February | Otorohanga Pool training sessions |
| 2 March | COP's Swimming Sports |
| 3 March | Touch begins |
| 4 March | Waitomo Interschool's Swimming Sports |

Nga mihi Mrs Tamae Dimond, Tumuaki ☺



Newsletter

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Term One 2016

Week Three – 19 February

Dear Parents, Caregiver, Whanau and Friends of the School

Tena Koutou Katoa

Welcome to school Jonty Verry our newest five year old. Welcome Adrian and Suz to our parent community, your continued support is appreciated. This week we also welcome back Tyden Barrett-Marino. Welcome also to mum Kahu.

Kick Start Classes

Welcome to Kick Start with Miss Stewart in Kowhai class

- Hunter Wynyard, Mum & Dad, Te Aue & Daniel
- Jacob Tarrant, Mum & Dad, Sarah & Patrick
- Rita Lurman, Mum & Dad, Dallas & Danny
- Te Raunahi Jensen, Mum & Dad, Pomare & Wayne

We look forward to your visits on Monday mornings during the term.

Recent Parent Meeting

Thank you to everyone who turned up for the first parent meeting of the year. Attendance was down on previous meetings however apologies were accepted and notification was appreciated.

Following the meeting, minutes, class newsletters, annual consent notices and year planners were sent home to everyone. Keep an eye on the year



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planner and please keep in mind that newsletter updates will confirm special events and dates as they arise. Some changes may occur.

Please remember to let Tamae know if you are available for some Golden Time support for activities on Friday afternoons. Rosters can be set up if you aren't available for a three week block.

Donations

At the parent meeting request of items were called upon. Any toys, books or items of interest for children would be appreciated. Also we need lots of buttons for an art project. If you have any please send these along for school use.

Weetbix Tryathlon

Well done to Henry M, Kate, Elijah, Zarah, Siân, Reuben, Seth G, Maddison, Blaze, Rachael, Heidi, Sage, Keira and Hazel for competing in the Hamilton Weetbix Tryathlon last Sunday. Each athlete did extremely well by getting involved and participating in an event where everyone got to show their skills in swimming, cycling and running.



Congratulations to all children involved and thank you parents for committing to an inspirational early start to the day.

Swimming Sports

The Small Schools Swimming Sports will be held on Wednesday 24 February starting at 10.00am. We will need to assemble at the Otorohanga Pool by 9.30am on Wednesday morning. We require parental support therefore could parents please return their pink slips to indicate if they are available to help with transport if you haven't already done so. All Year 4 & 5 students will be finished by 12.00pm. They will need to be returned to school and join class for the afternoon.

On Wednesday 2 March our strongest swimmers will compete at the COP's Swimming Sports. Again we will need help with transport so

students can assemble at the Otorohanga Pool by 9.30am for a 10.00am start.

Following COP's, on Friday 4 March, our strongest swimmers from Kauri class will compete at the Waitomo Interschool's Swimming Sports held in Te Kuiti. If your child is involved a pink notice will come home seeking transport arrangements.

Touch

There has been a keen interest in children wanting to play touch rugby again this season in Te Kuiti. The start date is Thursday 3 March. Games will be played every Thursday's afterschool at Te Kuiti High School. Grades are mixed (boys and girls) and would consist of Years 1-2, Years 3-4, Years 5-6 and Years 7-8. There will be a small sub fee per player to amount be confirmed. Coaches are being called upon and a pink notice went home yesterday. Draws will be distributed to players as soon as they are received at school.

Beach Education Day

As part of our Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) programme Years 5 to 8 students will be involved in the Beach Education programme. Beach Ed is a full day curriculum based beach and surf safety course delivered by trained surf lifeguards. It is age appropriate learning for children and is delivered at Raglan Beach.

The programme begins covering basic principles of staying safe while having fun at the beach. With older students more in-depth surf knowledge is taught, including how to identify hazards such as rip currents, ways to keep themselves and others safe, and what action to take if they get into trouble.

Your child/ren will need to bring the following: lunch, snacks, water, togs, towel, footwear, warm clothes. School hats will be taken and sunscreen will be provided. Pink notices have been distributed and need to be returned complete if you have not already done so.

Fundraising

Thank you Alannah, Batch, Christaan and Monica for running a fantastic barbeque at the recent Waitomo Summer Chopping Day. Funds will go towards a water safety focus.

Head Lice

There are head lice at school. Please be vigilant in checking your children's hair and treating when necessary. This is not something transferred in the pool. The chlorine and exposure to air kills head lice as